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SDG PROGRESS REPORT

8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



THE GLOBAL GOALS

Introduction

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as Global Goals, consist of 17 interconnected objectives focused on eliminating poverty, protecting the environment, and fostering peace and prosperity by 2030. SDG 8, “Decent Work and Economic Growth,” aims to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, productive employment, and decent work for all. Nakhchivan State University (NSU) supports this goal by creating job and internship opportunities for students, organizing career fairs, and collaborating with industry partners to enhance employability. Through skill-building workshops, research internships, and entrepreneurship programs, NSU empowers students to thrive in the job market and contributes to regional economic development. These initiatives reinforce NSU's commitment to fostering sustainable economic growth and meaningful career pathways for students.

Nakhchivan State University (NSU) has made substantial strides toward SDG 8 by equipping students with the skills and opportunities needed for professional success and economic independence. Through career fairs, local and international partnerships, and hands-on internships, NSU provides students with valuable job and training opportunities, preparing them to excel in their careers. In 2023, NSU hosted a career fair featuring over 2,000 job and internship positions from both government and private organizations, with more than 75% of NSU graduates finding employment in their fields. Additionally, NSU supports students in entrepreneurship and innovation through startup competitions and international forums, fostering a dynamic learning environment that aligns with global economic growth goals.

Nakhchivan State University (NSU) undertakes numerous initiatives to prepare its students for professional life and foster economic development. In alignment with SDG 8, NSU creates job opportunities, supports entrepreneurial ventures, and establishes both local and international partnerships to ensure that students have ample opportunities to pursue successful careers.

The university's expansive career fair provides valuable employment and internship opportunities to students and graduates, presenting over 2,000 job and internship positions. The event hosted 32 government organizations and 8 private companies offering a range of professional opportunities. The fair attracted more than 4,000 young participants, and NSU itself offered 48 open positions to its students. This initiative has contributed to the employment of more than 75% of NSU graduates in their respective fields, with 1,600 students graduating this year.



NSU students and faculty achieved success in international forums and entrepreneurship projects. Students competed in the 10th International Forum on Innovative Design in Basic Medical Sciences in Guangzhou, China, where three NSU students received bronze awards for their research presentations. Additionally, three of NSU's startup teams participated in the "From Idea to Reality" project fair hosted by Karadeniz Technical University in Turkey, where NSU was awarded "Best International Project." Participation in these international events has enabled NSU students to gain global experience and further develop their innovative thinking.

NSU emphasizes practical training and job placement opportunities for students. During the 2023-2024 academic year, NSU facilitated hands-on experience for 1,101 students in state institutions and schools, including 359 engaged in teaching practice and 742 in industrial internships. The Faculty of Medicine also organized clinical internships for students at Farabi Hospital in Trabzon and EGE University in Izmir, Turkey. In total, approximately 1,008 students are currently engaged in teaching and industrial internships across 44 different institutions, including 17 general education schools and 27 state organizations. Of these, 790 are bachelor's and 218 are master's students.





NSU also supports students through training sessions and seminars. A workshop titled “New Trends, Innovations, and Tax Management in Business” was organized in collaboration with APF Group LLC, and a cybersecurity camp in Sharur focused on enhancing digital security skills for youth. NSU actively collaborates with international education programs, including a project funded by the Azerbaijan Youth Fund, which led to the “First Regional Conference of Student Youth Organizations.” NSU’s Enactus team also participated in the Enactus program in Egypt, gaining valuable insights into social entrepreneurship.



NSU offers specific support to low-income and talented students. Through a partnership with Roof Academic Training, high-quality preparatory courses are offered to help talented, low-income students pursue higher education at leading international universities. Umico, a corporate partner, has also launched a project in NSU regions to identify and develop young talent and expand job opportunities, enhancing the professional experience for students and recent graduates.

Nakhchivan State University makes significant strides in advancing SDG 8 by supporting professional development, expanding economic opportunities, and ensuring sustainable employment conditions. These initiatives contribute to the empowerment and economic independence of NSU students and graduates, preparing them to excel in the competitive job market.



